THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE LORDS and COMMONS In Parliament Assembled, TO THE KINGS Most Excellent Majestie.

For a Pacification between His MAJESTY and both Houses.

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Excellent Majesty:

THE Humble Petition of the Lords and Commons in Parliament Assembled.

May it please Your Majestie;

ALthough wee Your Majesties most humble and faithfull Subjects, the Lords and Commous in Parliament assembled, have been very unhappy in many former Petitions and Supplications to Your Majesty, Wherein we have represented our most dutifull Affections, in advising and desiring those things which we held

most necessary for the preservation of Gods true Religion, Your Majesties safety and Honour, and the peace of the Kingdom; And with much sorrow do perceive, That Your Majesty, incens'd by many false Calumnies and Slanders, doth continue to raise Forces against us, and Your other peaceable and loyall Subjects, and to make great Preparations for War, both in the Kingdom, and from beyond the Seas; and by Arms and violence to over-rule the Judgement and Advice of Your great Councell, and by force to determine the Questions there depending, concerning the Government and Liberty of the Kingdom; yet such is our earnest desire of discharging our duty to Your Majesty and the Kingdom, to preserve the peace thereof, and to prevent the miseries of Civil War amongst Your Subjects: That notwithstanding we hold our selves bound to use all the means and power, which by the Laws and Constitutions of this Kingdom we are trusted with for defence and protection thereof, and of the Subjects from force and violence; We do in this our humble and loyall Petition prostrate our selves at Your Majesties feet, beseeching Your Majesty, That You will be pleased to forbear, and remove all Preparations and Actions of War, particularly the Forces from about *Hull*, from *Newcastle*, *Tynmouth*, *Lincoln*, and *Lincolnshire*, and all other

other Places; And that Your Majesty will recall the Commissions of Array, which are illegall; Dismisse Troops, and extraordinary Guards by you raised; That Your Majesty will come neerer to Your Parliament, and hearken to their faithfull Advise; and humble Petitions, which shall onely tend to the defence and advancement of Religion, Your owne Royall Honour and safety, the preservation of our Lawes and Liberties; And we have been, and shall ever be carefull to prevent and punish all Tumults, and seditious Actions, Speeches, and Writings, which may give Your Majesty just cause of distast or apprehension of danger. That Your Majesty will leave Delinquents to the due course of justice; And that nothing done or spoken in Parliament, or by any Person in pursuance of the Commands and Directions of both Houses of Parliament, be questioned any where but in Parliament.

And we, for our Parts, shall be ready to lay downe all those preparations which we have been forced to make for our defence. And for the Town of *Hull*, and the Ordinance concerning the *Militia*, as we have in both these particulars, onely sought the preservation of the Peace of the Kingdom, and the defence of the Parliament, from force and violence; So we shall most willingly leave the Town of *Hull*

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in the ſtate it was before Sir *John Hotham* drew any Forces into it, delivering Your Majeſties Magazine into Yovr Tower of *London*, and ſupplying ~~preſsing~~ whatſoever hath been diſpoſed by us for the ſervice of the Kingdom. We ſhall be ready to ſettle the Militia by a Bill, in ſuch a way, as ſhall be Honorable and ſafe for Your Majeſty, moſt agreeable to the duty of Parliament, and effectuall for the good of the Kingdom; That the ſtrength thereof be not imployed againſt it ſelf; and that which ought to be for our ſecurity, applyed to our deſtruction: And that the Parliament, and thoſe who profeſſe and deſire ſtill to preſerve the Proteſtant Religion, both in this Realm, and in *Ireland*, may not be left naked, and [illegible] to the miſchievous deſignes, and cruell practiſes of thoſe, who are the profeſt and conſederate Enemies thereof, in Your Majeſties Dominions, and other Neighbour Nations. To which, if Your Majeſties courſes and Councels ſhall from hence-forth concurre, We doubt not but we ſhall quickly make it appear to the world, by the moſt eminent effects of Love and Duty, That Your Majeſties perſonall ſafety; Your Royall Honour and Greatneſſe are much deerer to us then our own Lives and Fortunes, which wee do moſt heartily Dedicate, and ſhall moſt willingly imploy for the ſupport and maintenance thereof.

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